

QCWA HOT LINE REPORT

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We have been in touch with Mr. Bill Campbell, W5GPQ, Chairman of the Tellers Committee for the QCWA National Election now in progress. The Committee has received somewhat over 2,500 ballots, and at the rate they were coming in, they were considering that the total ballot would run in excess of 4000. Please notify all Chapter members who have not voted to get on the ball. This is going to be the biggest vote turnout we've ever had, and you are going to elect Officers and Directors who will be responsive to the needs of QCWA and its members!

The QCWA DIRECTORY, 1979 ISSUE, has been printed. We saw a hand-bound copy on Saturday, July 7. The material has been sent to the Bindery. The binding will be the familiar plastic back, just as was used in the 1976 issue. We have made the binder slightly larger so that the pages will turn easier with binding or tearing. The Directory contains historical data, a copy of the Constitution and By-Laws, precisely up to date, and other material of interest. Some statistics might be of interest to you:

The full job contained:

- 1,500,000 printed sheets
- The paper weighed approximately 9,400 pounds
- The envelopes used to send it to you were close-out, all different colors, to get a good price, and even then cost nearly \$900.00

- Postage to mail the roster to US members only is being negotiated with the USPS...is expected to cost over \$3000!

- Computer costs were in excess of \$600, and time in the Office exceeded 400 man-hours

It is entirely possible that this will be the last Directory to be financed out of QCWA Dues Payments. The total cost, with mailing will approach \$15,000. It should be noted of course, that sufficient copies have been made to provide a copy for new members through 1981.

QCWA NEWS for the Summer of 1979 (Vol. 28, No. 2) has been sent to the printer. It is a 32-page issue. Complete scores for all sending logs on the QSO PARTIES is included, as is much other information. This issue is pretty well loaded with Chapter and Member news. It should be printed and in the mail in about 10 to 14 days.

We are going to start a new feature in the Fall QCWA NEWS. It will be an "ANTIQUUE EXCHANGE" to be presided over by Barney Moffat, W5CJZ. It will feature bits and pieces of NEWS, and also a column of swaps...that is, if you have a UV-201 you don't need, and can swap, indicate it and what you would consider in trade...There will be no cost for that service, at least at first, and if you have some stuff you'd like to list, send a description, and asking price to Barney at 5707 Boca Raton, Dallas, TX 75230. If it works out, and is interesting, we'll keep it going, if not, Kaput!

I want to thank all Candidates and members of QCWA for not descending upon us with sticks and rocks...the pictures in the BALLOT were not at all good. We raised Cain with the printer, who simply stated that the color pictures were not adequate to make good shots, and in trying to bring them out the black and whites were partly messed up. Sooooo, if you have important pictures for repro, make them black and white. Color shots will make good half-tones, sometimes, but seems like when you need them, they don't work. Watch particularly for back-ground trouble. If the background is approaching skin-tone, we won't get a pix, and steer clear of red back-grounds, or dark mahogany, etc....they go black and nothing can be done with them.

THE CHICAGO AREA CHAPTER HAS BEEN WORKING ITSELF TO A SHADOW TO PRODUCE AN OUTSTANDING 1979 ANNUAL CONVENTION FOR US. PLEASE COOPERATE WITH THEM AND IF THERE IS A CHANCE THAT YOU WILL ATTEND, SEND IN REGISTRATION RIGHT NOW...AND RESERVE YOUR ROOM, RIGHT NOW, IF YOU WAIT A GREAT DEAL LONGER THERE'LL BE NO ROOMS IN THE HOTEL. REGISTRATION FORMS ARE IN THE SUMMER ISSUE OF THE NEWS, BUT DON'T WAIT FOR THAT. THE SPRING ISSUE OF THE NEWS, ON PAGE 10, HAS A FORM....FILL IT IN AND MAIL IT RIGHT NOW! Get news on the Nets Please.

IF CHAPTERS HAVE ITEMS WHICH THEY WOULD LIKE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE BOARD, PLEASE WRITE THEM TO HEADQUARTERS AT THIS TIME. WE'LL SEE THAT THE BOARD IS ADVISED OF YOUR REQUESTS. At present, we are showing the following:

1. Board consideration of continuing Amateur status as a condition for continuing QCWA membership
2. Shall QCWA hold an Invitational QSO Party? See HLR, Vol 2, No. 6
3. Shall QCWA inaugurate a QCWA Hall of Fame? See HLR, Vol 1, No. 10.

There are others, but these are the main things, as well as items held by the Board Members for attention.

The Plaques for the QSO PARTY, both Phone and CW have been prepared. the one to Father Reddy is on its way to Easter Island. The other will be presented soon at a special event.

On March 28, 1979, a new Chapter was formed, (#115), the CHATTANOOGA CHAPTER, With President W. H. Forton, W4BND.

On June 14, 1979, a new Chapter was formed, (#116), the CENTRAL VIRGINIA CHAPTER, with John V. A. Bush, W4FOD as President.

PRESIDENT HARRY GARTSMAN, W6ATC, will attend the Baton Rouge, LA National ARRL Convention, July 18-19, 1979. He will have the company of Vice President, Hal Sears, W5NC, and we understand that Secretary, Ethel Smith, K4LMB will be on hand. It is probable that a few other candidates for election will likewise attend the meeting which bids to be one of the best.

There has been some thought that QCWA should produce and have a few copies of a 5 to 15 minute film, telling the story of Amateur Radio and the part QCWA members have had in it...a story that might be shown at the QCWA booths at the conventions around the country. What do you think, and do you have any ideas?

LET'S ALL TRY TO GET OUT A GOOD VOTE NOW, IN THE ELECTION. ANOTHER 1500 VOTES SHOULDN'T BE TOO HARD TO GET, AND IT SURE WOULD GUARANTEE GOOD REPRESENTATION...WORK ON IT!

WE NEED A CHAPTER TO SPONSOR THE 1980 QSO PARTY? DON'T ALL OF YOU WRITE AT THE SAME TIME, BUT A FEW OF YOU HAD BETTER. HEADQUARTERS COULD SPONSOR IT, BUT WE'D PROBABLY COUNT THE LOGS SO THAT WE'D WIN THE PLAQUE!

Balloting on restructuring of the QCWA Constitution and By-Laws was completed late in 1978, and reported on page 117, of Volume 27, No. 4, QCWA NEWS. At that time it was noted that the ballots had been sealed against a possible recount, if required, and that they would be destroyed 180 days later, if no controversy arose. Accordingly, it was deemed that December 31, 1978 was the beginning date. The ballots were destroyed on July 8, 1979, by burning.

From the President: I have just returned from a long trip in Europe, and am glad to be home. Much work is planned for the Officers and Board during the September annual Convention. I expect to attend the Baton Rouge National ARRL Convention July 20-22, where we will meet with QCWA members, make some Awards and visit with old Friends.

I would like to make a personal request that Chapter Officers do all they can to get out a large vote for the present balloting for Officers and Directors of QCWA. This opportunity for members to speak their minds in the ballot should not be lost! Chapters are urged to send their comments for action by the Board to Headquarters--you many indeed write to any Officer or Director also, all will be considered by the Board at its Chicago meeting.

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